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SUBJECT: ELN DEMANDS OXY LEAVE

REFTEL: BOGOTA 9172 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS SYNOPSIS OF THE COPY OF A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY AND VARIOUS PRESS ORGANIZATIONS ON JUE 27 FROM THE SELF-STYLED NATIONAL LIBERATION AMY (ELN), AND ADDRESSED TO MINISTER OF MINES OSCAR MEJIA VALLEJO. THE LETTER LAYS OUT THE ELN'S RATIONALE FOR ITS CONTINUING BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS OIL PIPELINE. THE PIPELINE HAS BEEN BOMBED 47 TIMES FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 28, 1988. THE LETTER IGNORES PREVIOUS GOC EXPLANATIONS THAT 80 OF THE REVENUES FROM THE PIPELINE STAY IN COLOMBIA, AND THAT MUCH OF THAT DIRECTLY BENEFITS THOSE RESIDING IN THE AREA OF THE PIPELINE.

2. IN ITS LETTER THE ELN STATES THAT "COLOMBIAN OIL POLICIES MUST BE RADICALLY CHANGED" AND CLAIMS THAT THIS DEMAND IS SUPPORTED BY THE COLOMBIAN OIL WORKERS, THE UNITED WORKERS CONFEDERATION ("CUT"), THE CAMPESINO  
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MARCHERS, THE "SIMON BOLIVAR GUERRILLA COORDINATOR" AND WIDE SECTORS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION. THIS CHANGE, IT SAYS, CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH A NATIONAL,

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PUBLIC DEBATE, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS. THE LETTER ALSO  
CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

-- THE ELN DEMANDS NATIONALIZATION OF THE CANO LIMON  
PIPELINE, EXPULSION OF THE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY  
FROM COLOMBIA, IMMEDIATE REVERSION OF OIL CONCESSIONS,  
REVISION OF ASSOCIATION CONTRACTS, A POLICY FOR  
STRATEGIC OIL RESERVES, DOMESTIC EXPLOITATION OF  
RESOURCES, A DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO BENEFIT THE VARIOUS  
COLOMBIAN REGIONS, AND COLLECTIVE HIRING OF OIL WORKERS.

-- THE ELN CLAIMS THAT A DIALOGUE TO DISCUSS THE OIL  
SITUATION WAS PROPOSED TO THE GOC LAST MAY 1987, BUT NO  
RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

-- THE LETTER REITERATES THE ELN'S INTEREST IN  
HOLDING A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOC TO FIND A "SOLUTION TO  
THE OIL PROBLEM." IT REQUESTS A PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM  
THE GOC ON HOW IT WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THE LETTER  
IS SIGNED BY MANUEL PEREZ MARTINEZ AND NICOLAS  
RODRIGUEZ BAUTISTA AND DATED JUNE 20, 1988, "FROM THE  
MOUNTAINS OF COLOMBIA". GILLESPIE.

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